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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Progress Report under NSC 5404/1

I understand that the Progress Report under NSC 5404/1 (Berlin) is to be considered by the NSC on January 13. I believe that the principal point will be discussion of the fact that there has been no consolidation with the British and French regarding steps to be taken in the event of a renewal of the blockade. Such discussions were postponed, first because EDC was pending and more recently because of the problem of ratification of the Paris agreements. You will recall that Mr. Anderson at OCB has twice mentioned his concern with the fact that Defense has no plan for the contingency of the blockade and seeks instructions as to whether he should plan unilateral action in that contingency.

The Progress Report contains the usual sentence that you will report on CIA activities independently. In case you wish to make such a report, there is attached a summary statement for your use.

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Special Assistant to the Director

Attachment